

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. Douglas M. Dyer on being inducted into the Baylor Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as exceptional athletes and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Douglas M. Dyer, who was recently honored with induction into the Baylor Sports Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the arena of sports; and

WHEREAS, this humbling honor is bestowed on those few extraordinary individuals whose dazzling feats in the sporting arena have caused them to shine brightly in the eyes of their many fans and supporters; and

WHEREAS, displaying a tremendous work ethic and an athletic prowess honed by his coach, Major Luke Worsham, Doug Dyer earned his glory on the wrestling mat and the football field, being named to the All-City and All-State football teams in 1978 and winning both the district and region wrestling championships that same year; and

WHEREAS, his senior year at Baylor, Doug Dyer compiled a wrestling season for the ages as he claimed the state heavyweight championship with an undefeated record of thirty-two wins and no losses while earning national recognition, placing fourth in his age group nationwide, securing All-American honors and a four-year athletic scholarship to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, he was the recipient of the Chip Healy Best Offensive Lineman Award, the TSSAA Regional Best Wrestler Award, the Luke

Worsham Leadership Award, the Special Faculty Commendation Award, and the Ted Nelson Best Athlete Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dyer has enjoyed a long career in the insurance industry, establishing The Dyer Agency in 1997, and has shared his time and talents with his alma mater as a fundraiser, class agent, and member of the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Board; and

WHEREAS, a co-recipient of Baylor's Distinguished Service Award with his brother, Lee, and his father, Bo, Doug Dyer's ties to the school also extend to his daughters, Rachel and Ellie, his great uncles, Zeke, Roy and Derrell Morrison, and five nieces and nephews who along with his brother and father all attended Baylor; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Douglas Dyer enjoys the love and support of his wife, Kate, and their two daughters, Rachel and Ellie; and

WHEREAS, Doug Dyer, a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies dedication and leadership, and he is admired by his fellow Tennesseans for his tireless efforts to excel, always guided by solid principles and high standards, whether in the athletic arena or in the actions of his daily life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, colleagues, former teammates, former coaches, and many fans of Douglas M. Dyer in congratulating him upon his induction into the Baylor Sports Hall of Fame, commend him for his substantial legacy to his community, and offer our deep appreciation for the dedication that he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.